

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

&  
"Homewood Rifle and Pistol  
Club, Inc."

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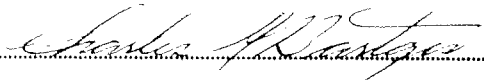
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION  
301 WEST PRESTON STREET  
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You are advised that the Articles of Incorporation of

HOMWOOD RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.

have been received and approved by the STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND  
TAXATION OF MARYLAND this 23rd day of November 1962 at 9:00 A.M.  
and will be recorded.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF MARYLAND

by 

HOMEWOOD RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

FIRST: That we, the subscribers, Edward C. Blimline, whose Post Office address is 302 S. Macon St., Baltimore 24 Maryland; Ronald C. Cox, whose Post Office address is 1942 Midland Road, Baltimore 22 Maryland; and Kenneth S. Peach, whose Post Office address is 715 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Baltimore 18 Md., all being of full legal age, do, under and by virtue of the General Laws of the State of Maryland authorizing the formation of corporations, associate ourselves with the intention of forming a corporation.

SECOND: The name of the corporation (which is hereinafter called the Corporation) is

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THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:

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The foregoing shall, except when otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other clause of this or any article of the Articles of Incorporation, and shall each be regarded as independent, and construed as powers as well as purposes of the Corporation. Solely for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

(1) To purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise acquire, hold, own, develop, improve, construct, erect, improve and manage, operate and in any manner dispose of, and to aid and subscribe toward the acquisition development or improvement of, real and personal property, the rights and privileges therein, suitable or convenient for any of the business of the Corporation.

(2) To acquire the whole or any part of the goodwill, rights, property and business of any person, firm, association or corporation heretofore or hereinafter engaged in any activity similar to any activity which the Corporation has the power to carry on or conduct, and to

hold, utilize, enjoy and in any manner dispose of, the whole or any part of the rights, property and business so acquired, and to assume in connection therewith any liabilities of any such person, firm, association or corporation.

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(4) To make and perform any contracts and to do any acts proper for the accomplishment of any of the objects and purposes or which at any time may appear conducive to or expedient for the accomplishment of any of such objects and purposes.

(5) The Corporation shall be authorized to exercise and enjoy all the powers, rights and privileges granted to or conferred upon, corporations of a similar character by the General Laws of the State of Maryland now or hereafter in force and the enumeration of the foregoing powers shall not be deemed to exclude any powers, rights or privileges so granted or conferred.

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NINTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this Articles of Incorporation on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1962.

WITNESS TO ALL:

Therese E. Schaub

Edward C. Blimline, Jr. (SEAL)

Ronald C. Cox (SEAL)

Kenneth S. Peach (SEAL)

STATE OF MARYLAND:

TO WIT:

CITY OF BALTIMORE:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the, <sup>12<sup>th</sup></sup> day of November, 1962,  
before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in  
and for the City of Baltimore aforesaid, personally appeared Edward C.  
Blimline, Ronald C. Cox, and Kenneth S. Peach and severally acknowledged  
the foregoing Articles of Incorporation to be their act.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal, the day and year last  
above written.

  
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Notary Public


STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF MARYLAND

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the within instrument is a true  
copy of the Articles of Incorporation of

HOMEWOOD RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, INC.

as approved and received for record by the State Department of  
Assessments and Taxation of Maryland, November 23, 1962  
at 9:00 o'clock A.M.

AS WITNESS my hand and official seal of the said Department  
at Baltimore this 27th day of November 1962.

  
Charles A. Bartgis  
Chief Clerk

**BYLAWS  
OF THE  
HOMWOOD RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of this organization shall be Homewood Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. (Club).

**ARTICLE II**

**Object**

The object of this Club shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States resident in our community, with the purpose of promoting knowledge on the part of such citizens of: the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of the characteristics: of citizenship, honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance which are essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism; to encourage the responsibility to vote, to educate, to protect and defend the inalienable and self-evident rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

**ARTICLE III**

**Membership**

**Section 1.** Any Citizen of the United States 13 years of age or over shall be eligible for membership in the Club on; a vote of the Executive Board and or a two-thirds vote by the members in good standing at any Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting, or Special Meeting after subscribing to the following oath: payment of the initiation fee and dues; compliance with the other conditions of membership as herein set forth.

**Oath of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands.

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States and that I am not a member of any organization or group pledged to, or working for, a program aimed at the destruction of our present system of government established by the Constitution of the United States of America. Furthermore, I will support and protect the Constitution against all enemies to the freedoms and rights that it guarantees.

**Section 2.** Each member must have on file with the Secretary a membership application in the form provided by the Club. Any new application for membership must be sponsored by an existing member unless such sponsorship is waived by a quorum of the Executive Board.

**Section 3.** Each member must be a member in good standing of the National Rifle Association (NRA).

**Section 4.** Membership in the Club is extended without regard to race, religion, creed, national origin or sex, subject only to the bylaws of the Club.

**Section 5.** Each member is afforded one vote with regard to: (i) any amendment to the bylaws; (ii) election of officers who comprise the Executive Board; (iii) suspension or expulsion of any member or officer; and (iv) any matter put forth to the membership by a quorum of the members or the Executive

Board by Special Meeting as provided herein. Such ballot may only be cast in person at an Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting, or Special Meeting as provided for herein unless an alternate means of voting is authorized by the Executive Board.

**Section 6.** Members in good standing are eligible to purchase a Range Badge from the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc., (AGC) permitting members to use the shooting facilities of the Patapsco Ranges. The price of such Range Badge will be determined by AGC. Prior to issuance of a Range Badge, a new member must complete an AGC Range Safety Orientation Course and affirm in writing on the form provided the completion of such course. Each member qualifying for a Range Badge will be issued a copy of the current Range Rules, compliance with which is mandatory for continued membership in the club and for use of the facilities of the Patapsco Ranges. The Range Badge of any member who resigns membership in the Club, or whose membership is otherwise terminated, will be immediately invalidated and returned to AGC.

**Section 7.** The Executive Board may, in quorum, rescind membership of any member: (i) when club or NRA obligations remain unpaid more than ninety (90) days from the date of the Annual Meeting of the Club; (ii) who by purposeful act or will breaches the bylaws of the Club; (iii) who violates the Range Rules in a manner deemed by a quorum of the Executive Board to warrant rescinding membership; or, (iv) who is absent from two (2) consecutive Annual Meetings.

**Section 8.** Each member shall be given a copy of the bylaws and any amendments thereto.

## ARTICLE IV

### Dues

The annual dues of the Club shall be the amount set by a vote by the membership during the Annual Meeting, such rate to be in effect until the next Annual Meeting. The initiation fee for new members shall be ten dollars until such time the membership votes to change the rate. No member of the Club whose Club or NRA obligations are in arrears shall be eligible to any of the benefits offered by the Club or the NRA.

## ARTICLE V

### Meetings

**Section 1.** The Regular Meeting of the Club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held on the first Sunday of November, at such time and place as may fixed by the Executive Board. If the Annual Meeting shall not take place at time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall be held over until their successors have been elected.

**Section 3.** A Special Meeting of the Club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Board, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such Special Meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Board.

**Section 4.** Quorum. One-third of the members of the organization entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.



## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who, voting together, shall constitute the Executive Board. Officers to fill other positions deemed to be necessary or prudent by a quorum of the Executive Board, provided however that such appointment does not convey membership in the Executive Board or the right to contract bills or other obligations to the Club. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be consolidated to Secretary-Treasurer, and has a single vote.

**Section 2.** Officers constituting the Executive Board shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting of the Club. They shall hold office for two (2) years or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin 90 days after the close of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected.

**Section 3.** All officers must be members in good standing and members of the NRA.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Duties of the Officers**

**Section 1.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board. He shall be a member ex-officio of all Regular and Special Committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

**Section 2.** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Club. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Executive Board of all meetings and shall notify all members of Special and Annual Meetings, as required in Article V. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Board and of the Club and have the custody of the book and papers of the Club. All applications for membership in the Club shall be made to the Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt therefore. The Secretary shall forward to NRA annually the annual dues of club re-affiliation.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Club and place the same in such bank or investment accounts as may be approved by the Executive Board. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer and for payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Board when requested and a report to the Club at its annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **The Executive Board**

**Section 1.** The Executive Board shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the Club.

**Section 2.** Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Executive Board may determine. Special Meetings may be held at any time on call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by two (2) members of the Executive Board.

**Section 3.** Three members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 4.** Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board.

**Section 5.** A vacancy in the Executive Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a Special Meeting of the Club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill vacancies until the date of the next Annual Meeting.

**Section 6.** The members of the Executive Board shall represent the Club as AGC Trustees. The highest ranking member of the Executive Board in attendance at an AGC meeting shall cast votes on behalf of the Club. If the second highest ranking member of the Executive Board in attendance disagrees with the vote cast, the two shall split the vote, each casting 1/2 vote. Rank shall be defined from highest to lowest as: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A member in good standing of the Club may vote on the Club's behalf at an AGC meeting if and only if all members of the Executive Board are absent from the meeting and only when authorized in writing to do so by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE IX Committees**

Committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President or the Executive Board from time to time, as they deem necessary, to carry on the work of the Club. The President shall be ex officio a member of all committees.

## **ARTICLE X Suspension or Expulsion**

**Section 1.** Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of members in good standing present at any Special Meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reason for his removal and of the time and place of the Special Meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such Special Meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

**Section 2.** Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by a quorum the Executive Board by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the members of the Executive Board present at any Regular or Special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Board at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

**Section 3.** Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts relied upon, and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Board to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

**Section 4.** Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Board may appeal to the full membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing, to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a Special Meeting of the Club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days prior written notice to all members of the Club in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such Special Meeting. At the Special Meeting of all members attending the Secretary will read the charges, the supporting affidavits, read or display the accompanying exhibits, read the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Board at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members of the good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Board.

**Section 4.** Any official or member of the Club who has been suspended or expelled by the NRA shall automatically and immediately stand suspended or expelled from this Club upon receipt of official notification from NRA by the Secretary.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Match Rules**

All competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the NRA, the competition, Range Rules of the AGC if applicable, and any other rules or regulations deemed necessary or prudent by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Amendments**

**Section 1.** Any proposed Amendment(s) to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the Club at any Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting or Special Meeting called for the purpose.

**Section 2.** Such proposed Amendment(s) must be acted upon by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at such meeting of the Club. Upon ratification by the membership present, said Amendment(s) will become effective immediately and the Secretary of the Club shall submit said Amendment(s) to the NRA for it file. All members will be notified by U.S. Mail, newsletter, telephone or other method of conveyance determined by the Executive Board.

**Section 3.** Should the Executive Board determine that by, any Article of Incorporation, membership provision of NRA or AGC, or other such regulatory or affiliatory provision which may be deemed to be necessary, desirable, or prudent, may be acted upon by the Executive Board at its discretion.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **Dissolution**

Recognizing that at some time it may be in the best interest of the Club or the membership, or both, to disassociate, a motion for dissolution and the reason or purpose may be introduced by any member of the Club at any Annual Meeting, Regular Meeting, or Special Meeting called for the purpose. Upon seconding of such motion, it shall be put forth for vote by ballot of the members in good standing present. Should the majority of said members present vote in favor of dissolution, the Executive Board shall in a timely and reasonable fashion: (i) notify all members by U.S. Mail of the pending dissolution and rescind all outstanding Range Badges; (ii) notify the NRA and the AGC of the dissolution of the Club; (iii) file Articles of Dissolution with the State of Maryland to rescind the corporate charter of the Club; (iv) satisfy all outstanding obligations, including taxes of the Club to the extent of funds remaining in the treasury; and, (v) close all bank and investment accounts of the Club, and disburse any remaining funds in equal shares to each member in good standing.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**Bylaw revision**

The original bylaws and Articles of Incorporation have occurred over many years, and records may be missing or incomplete. Therefore, the bylaws as stated shall govern the Club and its affairs from November 5, 1995 forward.

Change Dates:

November 5, 1995	Complete revision of bylaws.
November 3, 2002	Changed minimum age in Article III, Section 1. Added Article VIII, Section 6.

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